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FORMOSA STRAITS

I. Only Chicom offensive action in past week was firing of 161 arty rounds against Quemoy on 5 May--heaviest fire since 16 December. Situation was otherwise quiet.

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III. G-2 accepts another AAA division in the Foochow area. It believed to have been there for some time. Only one other AAA division and one regiment previously identified in

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IV. Adm pride and Gen Chase visited Quemoy on 7 May, and Chase reports high morale and improvement there. Some difficulties still noted, however.

A. Too much effort on permanent construction rather than training.

B. Time lag in air support from Formosa too great (2 hrs.

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- C. Naval support unsatisfactory, as naval commander on Quemoy ignores Quemoy Defense Commander.
- D. Some shortages of arms, weapons.
- E. Operation of electronic and communications equipment unsatisfactory.

V. Peiping Radio has refrained from comment in past week on topic of Sino-US negotiations.

- A. Chinese have reaffirmed, however, their intention to "liberate" all Nationalist-held territory despite US action and "threats."

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VII. On substantive issues, Peiping has consistently taken hard line.

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- A. Chicom's argue that there is no need for cease-fire, that status of Formosa is not negotiable, that only matter to negotiate is US withdrawal from China area.
- B. This is not necessarily, however, Peiping's final position.

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